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GDR IMPORTS FROM THE SOVIET BLOC

This report presents information on GDR imports from the Soviet Bloc during the period December 1951 - November 1952. The data for the report were taken from GDR newspapers.

Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources. 7

During the latter part of December 1951, more than 830 carloads of high-grade ore arrived at the People-Owned Lippendorf Ferroalloy Works (VEB Ferrolegierungswerk Lippendorf) from the USSR and Hungary. These deliveries enabled this key plant to start 1952 production with full utilization of its capacity.(1)

During early January 1952, the Leipzig Cotton-Spinning Mill (Baumwollspinnerei Leipzig) received 11 carloads of raw cotton from the USSR.

On 22 December 1951, the Leipzig Wool-Carding Mill (Leipziger Wollkammerei) received 60 carloads of Soviet raw cotton.(2)

Since the beginning of December 1951 up to 18 January 1952, 110 carloads of cut wood have arrived from Czechoslovakia for the plants of the Federation of People-Owned Enterprises for Wood Construction (VVB Holzbau).(3, 9)

During 1951, more than three million bottles of "Pfropfreiser" were shipped by the Hungarian Villany wineries to GDR wineries.(3)

An additional 20 carloads of raw cotton were received by the Leipzig Cotton-Spinning Mill during the first 20 days of January 1952, and two large barge trains arrived by water. As a result of these shipments, the supply of raw materials required by the Leipzig Cotton-Spinning Mill, which uses cotton exclusively, was fully assured for the first quarter of 1952.(4)

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During January 1952, the People-Owned Schadewitz Worsted-Yarn Spinning Mill (VEB Kammgarnspinnerei Schadewitz) received 230 tons of best-quality sheep's wool. The shipments were made on the basis of the trade agreement between the GDR and the USSR. The wool is to be used primarily for the manufacture of outer clothing.(5)

During January 1952, the Leipzig Lippendorf 7 Ferroalloy Works (Leipziger Ferrolegierungswerk) received approximately 470 carloads of manganese ore from the USSR. The ore, mined in the Ronets Basin, is a high-grade type.

Because of the ore shipments from the USSR and Hungary, the Lippendorf steelworkers were able to overfulfill their 1951 plan by 33 percent and to increase the production of alloy steel by 65 percent, as compared with 1950.

During January 1952, the GDR cotton mills received 275 carloads of Soviet cotton. During the second half of January alone, over 1,500 tons of cotton arrived at the Elbe Port of Riesa. Additional large shipments are in transit 14 February 1952.(6)

The Leipzig Wool-Carding Mill received 450 tons of raw wool from the USSR. Considerable quantities were received by other mills Report of 9 February 1952.

Bulgaria shipped 18 tons of goat and cattle hair for the carpet industry Report of 9 February 1952.(7)

During the first 10 days of February 1952, 180 cars containing 3,500 tons of high-grade Polish black coal arrived at the Chemnitz Gas Works.(8)

Ninety carloads of cut wood are in transit from Czechoslovakia 16 February 1952.(9)

Since the beginning of February 1952 up to 17 February 18 tons of beef have arrived in the Chemnitz stockyards from Hungary.(10)

Between 1 March and 10 March 1952, 100 carloads of butter, 17 carloads of lard, and 1,170 carloads of grain arrived at Frankfurt/Oder from the USSR.(11)

Since the beginning of 1952 up to 21 March, nine Soviet ships have delivered almost 28,000 tons of grain to Rostock. In addition to wheat, these shipments included first-quality rye, barley, and oats.(12)

During March 1952, Poland sent 300 carloads, containing 7,200 tons, of high-grade black coal to the Chemnitz Gas Works. During the same time, the gas works also received 650 tons of coal from Czechoslovakia and 300 tons of black coal from Bulgaria. During the first quarter of 1952, coal imports from the People's Democracies amounted to 23,700 tons.(13)

During March 1952, approximately 45,500 kilograms of beef arrived at Chemnitz from Hungary and Rumania. In all, Chemnitz received close to 100,000 kilograms of beef and pork from these two countries during the first quarter of 1952.(14)

During the first week of April 1952, Poland sent 27 carloads of fowl, 9 carloads of eggs, and 3 carloads of first-quality fruit juices. During March 1952, Poland delivered 30 carloads of fowl, 20 carloads of eggs, 14 carloads of canned fish, and 9 carloads of fruit juices.(15, 16)

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The March 1952 shipments from the USSR to the GDR included the following food items: 163 carloads of butter, 5 carloads of rendered butter, 1,728 carloads of grain, 4 carloads of canned fish, and 2 carloads of tobacco.(15)

Since the beginning of April 1952 [up to 22 April], more than 100,000 pairs of shoes have arrived at the Leipzig DEZ (Deutsche Handelszentrale, German Trade Center) for leather, from Czechoslovakia.(17)

The Soviet ship Omsk unloaded 2,200 tons of grain for the GDR at Rostock. During April 1952, six other Soviet ships delivered a total of 13,800 tons of grain, mostly wheat, to Rostock.(18)

During the past few days [end of April 1952], the GDR received the following goods from China: 15 carloads of goat hair, 800 tons of first-quality raw wool, and 50 tons of bed feathers. The raw wool is to be processed at the Leipzig Wool-Carding Mill.

New manganese ore shipments from the USSR arrived at the Lippendorf Ferroalloy Works. Since the beginning of April 1952 [up to 30 April], this plant has received more than 1,000 tons of manganese ore.(19)

Between 20 April and 27 April 1952, 22 carloads of butter, 49 carloads of canned meat, and 1,372 carloads of grain arrived at Frankfurt/Oder from the USSR.

During the same period, China delivered 30 carloads of tea.(20)

Another 56 carloads of cotton from the USSR arrived at Leipzig during April 1952. This cotton is to be processed into yarn for technical purposes and for the spinning industry which will make knitted goods from the yarn.(21)

Under the trade agreements between the GDR and the People's Democracies, the Chemnitz Gas Works received the following coal shipments during April 1952: 6,200 tons of black coal from Poland, 434 tons of black coal from Bulgaria, and 154 tons of hard brown coal from Czechoslovakia. Since the beginning of 1952 [up to the end of April], the Chemnitz Gas Works has imported 28,700 tons of coal from Poland, 2,500 tons from Czechoslovakia, and 734 tons from Bulgaria.(22)

Five Soviet ships unloaded a total of 12,752 tons of grain at Rostock. The grain is to be channeled to the various GDR Länder by railroad.(23)

During the first half of May 1952, 1,089 carloads of grain, 131 carloads of butter, 37 carloads of canned meat, 8 carloads of salad oil, and 5 carloads of tobacco and tea arrived at Frankfurt/Oder from the USSR.

During the same period, Poland sent 18 carloads of eggs and 5 carloads of canned fish.(24)

During the last part of May 1952, 24 carloads of wool arrived in the GDR from the USSR.

During May 1952, the Guestrow Bed-Feather Processing Plant (Bettfedernfabrik Guestrow) in Mecklenburg received 7 carloads of bed feathers from the USSR.(25)

Another 12 carloads of raw cotton from the USSR arrived at the Leipzig Cotton-Spinning Mill during the first few days of June 1952, while 19 carloads of cotton were received from the USSR during May 1952.

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The enterprises of the Administration of People-Owned Enterprises for Bast Fiber (VVB Bastfaser) received 43 carloads of jute from the USSR and the People's Democracies and 32 carloads of hemp from China during the first 5 months of 1952. The hemp is used mainly for the manufacture of rope for technical purposes, of fishing nets, and of ropes for ships.(26)

During the first 10 days of June 1952, 65 carloads of salad oil, 24 carloads of butter, 11 carloads of canned meat, and 500 carloads of grain arrived at Frankfurt/Oder from the USSR.

During the same period, Poland sent 43 carloads of eggs and an unspecified number of carloads of canned meat and pork.(27, 28)

Between 10 June and 20 June 1952, 26 carloads of butter, 58 carloads of salad oil, 8 carloads of rice, 5 carloads of canned meat, 608 carloads of grain, and 7 carloads of wine arrived at Frankfurt/Oder from the USSR.

During the same period, Poland furnished 37 carloads of eggs, as well as fresh and canned fish.(29)

Soviet ships unloaded 16,000 tons of wheat at Rostock harbor during June 1952 presumably from the USSR.(30)

During the last 10 days of July 1952, 89 carloads of butter, 60 carloads of cottonseed oil, 67 carloads of rice, 100 carloads of grain, 5 carloads of tea, and 10 carloads of first-quality wines and spirits arrived at Frankfurt/Oder from the USSR.

During the same period, Poland sent 41 carloads of blueberries, 13 carloads of eggs, and 13 carloads of canned and fresh fish.(31)

During the last 10 days of August 1952, 53 carloads of butter, 25 carloads of salad oil, 16 carloads of canned meat and fish, and several carloads of beef arrived at Frankfurt/Oder from the USSR.

During the same period, Poland sent 21 carloads of blueberries and huckleberries, 4 carloads of cauliflower, and 8 carloads of canned and fresh fish.

In addition, the People's Republic of China delivered 6 carloads of apricot pits for the production of marzipan.(32)

Between 10 September and 20 September 1952, the USSR sent the following food products to the GDR, in accordance with existing agreements: 72 carloads of butter, 29 carloads of cottonseed oil, 39 carloads of canned fish, 5 carloads of rice, and 2 carloads of tea.

During the same period, Poland delivered 6 carloads of canned meat and fish, 3 carloads of eggs, and 35 carloads of fruits and vegetables, in accordance with the provisions of existing trade agreements.(33)

In response to a request made by the SED, the USSR shipped the following large construction machines to the GDR report of 27 September 1952: 2 bucket dredges, 3-cubic-meter capacity each, for the Ruedersdorf Lime, Cement, and Concrete Works (Kalk- Zement- und Betonwerke Ruedersdorf) they are the first of this kind to be used in the GDR, and a model D 271 bulldozer with a model C 80 tractor. The latter is the heaviest caterpillar tractor manufactured in the USSR.(34)

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On 4 October 1952, the Soviet ship Pulkovo unloaded 3,000 tons of grain in Wismar harbor.(35)

The USSR sent 10 concrete jar-ram molding machines and one 100-horsepower caterpillar to Fuerstenberg to speed up construction work of the new city for the workers of the EKO (Eisenhuettenkombinat Ost, East Metallurgical Combine) [report of 28 October 1952].(36)

During the last few weeks [prior to 30 October 1952], more than 200 carloads of raw wool arrived in the GDR from the USSR, to be used principally by the carpet and fabric industries of Sachsen and Brandenburg.

The People's Republic of China sent high-grade bristles during the same period [no quantity given].(37)

Thirty-three tons of raw goat hides arrived at Wolmirstadt from China for processing at the People-Owned Hermann Matern Leather Works (VEB Lederwerke Hermann Matern) and sister enterprises [report of 31 October 1952].(38)

During the last few days of October 1952, the USSR sent the following to the GDR: 65 carloads of butter, 64 carloads of salad oil, several carloads of beef and canned fish, 26 carloads of legumes, and 1,258 carloads of grain.

During the same period, Poland sent 268 carloads of vegetables, 23 carloads of fowl, and 13 carloads of live carp.(39)

During the first 10 days of November 1952, another 90 carloads of cotton arrived in Riesa harbor from the USSR. This shipment is part of the 1952 crop. Under the GDR-USSR trade agreement, another 500 carloads of cotton are expected from the USSR during the remainder of 1952.

During the first 10 days of November 1952, the USSR sent approximately 1,000 carloads of iron ore to the EKO. During November 1952, the USSR also sent a number of construction hoists; one model D 144 planing and scraping plow (Strassenhobel); model D 179 self-emptying bucket cars, 15-ton capacity; and model GAZ-93 dump trucks.(40)

During the first 10 days of November 1952, 81 carloads of butter, 41 carloads of cottonseed oil, 7 carloads of canned fish, and approximately 1,350 carloads of barley and oats arrived at Frankfurt/Oder from the USSR.

During the same period, Poland sent 236 carloads of vegetables, 42 carloads of onions, and 33 carloads of fowl to the GDR.(41)

The USSR sent the following machinery to the GDR [Report of 19 November 1952]: one model Donbass-I coal combine; 2 model KA/2/M drilling rigs (for drilling up to 300 meters); 3 model D/20/B planing and scraping plows; 4 model A/183 scrapers; tractors; several heavy concrete rollers; and a large snow remover model D/166.

Several freight trains loaded with butter and salad oil [no figure given] from the USSR arrived at Frankfurt/Oder a few days prior to 19 November 1952.

During mid-November 1952, 25 carloads of live carp, 500 carloads of apples, 400 carloads of grapes, and several tons of walnuts arrived in the GDR from Hungary, Rumania, and Bulgaria.(42)

During the period 11-20 November 1952, 19 carloads of butter, 32 carloads of salad oil, 18 carloads of legumes, and 814 carloads of grain arrived at Frankfurt/Oder from the USSR.

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During the same period, Poland sent 12 carloads of fowl, 26 carloads of live carp, 78 carloads of onions, and 132 carloads of vegetables.

The USSR shipped the following construction machinery to the GDR during the third week of November 1952: 2 bulldozers; one asphalt surfacing machine; one concrete pump; a replacement roller for the Willy Becker Rolling Mill (Walzwerk Willy Becker) in Kirchmoese; 15 iron-bending machines; and many spare parts for dredges, tractors, and trucks already delivered. For further mechanization of Zwickau mining, the USSR sent a compressor installation and a pneumatic loader.(43)

The USSR sent a rotary snowplow to Oberhof, to be used for the villages and highways of the Thueringer Wals (Thueringer Forest [a geographic designation]) area.(44)

During the last 10 days of November 1952, the USSR shipped the following items to the GDR: 69 carloads of butter, salad oil, and canned fish and 893 carloads of grain.

During the same period, Poland sent 15 carloads of fowl, 143 carloads of eggs, live carp, canned meat, vegetables, and onions.

During November 1952, the USSR sent the following to the GDR: A [un-specified] number of dump trucks, one steam roller, 2 caterpillars, 4 ultra-modern model WP 4 ventilators, 2 replacement rollers, and numerous spare parts for dredges, tractors, and motor vehicles.(45)

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